IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

MALLET AND COMPANY INC.,)
Plaintiff,) Civil Action No. 2:19-cv-01409-CB
v.) The Honorable Cathy Bissoon
ADA LACAYO, RUSSELL T. BUNDY ASSOCIATES, INC., d/b/a BUNDY BAKING SOLUTIONS, SYNOVA, LLC, and WILLIAM "CHICK" BOWERS,) Electronically Filed))
Defendants.)) _)
RUSSEL T. BUNDY ASSOCIATES, INC., d/b/a BUNDY BAKING SOLUTIONS and SYNOVA, LLC,))))
Counterclaim Plaintiffs,))
V.)
MALLET AND COMPANY INC., ADA LACAYO, and WILLIAM "CHICK" BOWERS,)))
Counterclaim Defendants.))

RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE ITS BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF ITS AMENDED MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION UNDER SEAL

Defendants Russell T. Bundy Associates, Inc. d/b/a Bundy Baking Solutions ("Bundy") and Synova, LLC ("Synova", collectively with Bundy, the "Bundy Parties"), by their counsel, Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP, file the within Response to Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File its Brief in Support of its Amended Motion for Preliminary Injunction Under Seal (ECF 81, the "Motion"), stating as follows:

- 1. By its Motion, Plaintiff seeks leave of the Court to file entirely under seal its proposed Brief in Support of its Amended Motion for Preliminary Injunction (the "Brief") given the citation in the Brief to certain portions of the discovery record which have been designated either "Confidential" and/or "Attorney's Eyes Only" under the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement (ECF 37).
- 2. The Bundy Parties do not dispute the confidential nature of the record Plaintiff intends to cite in its Brief and the need for the sealing of the same. The Bundy Parties do dispute, however, Plaintiff's request to file its Brief wholly under seal.
- 3. Additionally, the Bundy Parties are filing this Response to correct the incomplete recitation of the parties' meet and confer discussions regarding Plaintiff's request for leave to file its Brief under seal. See id. at $\P 13.^1$
- 4. During those discussions, the Bundy Parties requested that Plaintiff propose appropriate redactions to its Brief, in compliance with paragraph 10 of the Confidentiality Agreement and the Third Circuit's directives in *In re Avandia Mktg., Sales & Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 924 F.3d 662 (3d Cir. 2019).
- 5. To this end, Paragraph 10 of the Confidentiality Agreement states, in pertinent part:

Before filing or offering as exhibits any pleadings or other documents that contain Confidential Materials, the parties *shall confer and attempt to agree on redactions* that would permit the filing or offering of the pleadings, exhibits, or other documents in open court. If the parties are unable to agree on such redactions, the party seeking to file or offer the documents shall move the Court for an order permitting such pleadings or other documents to be filed or offered under seal.

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¹ The Bundy Parties also take issue with Plaintiff's attempts to mischaracterize the factual record in its Motion. *See* ECF 81 at ¶¶ 3-4, 8. Those disputes will be more appropriately addressed when this case is determined on its merits.

ECF 37 at ¶ 10 (emphasis added).

Plaintiff refused to engage in this process which the parties specifically agreed to

in the Confidentiality Agreement, stating its belief that proposing redactions, thereby providing a

copy of its Brief to the Bundy Parties prior to filing, would be "inappropriate." And, it was not

until Plaintiff filed its Motion that the Bundy Parties learned of Plaintiff's intention to file its

Brief entirely under seal.

7. For the reasons stated in *In re Avandia, supra*, and in consideration of Paragraph

10 of the Confidentiality Agreement, Plaintiff should be required to propose appropriate

redactions to its Brief for the Bundy Parties' consideration, instead of being permitted to file the

entire document under seal.

WHEREFORE, the Bundy Parties respectfully request that this Court enter an Order

directing Plaintiff to comply with the Confidentiality Agreement (ECF 37) and propose

appropriate redactions to its Brief in lieu of being permitted to file its Brief entirely under seal.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: July 19, 2020

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on July 19, 2020, I electronically filed the foregoing *Response to Plaintiff's Motion Leave to File its Brief In Support of its Amended Motion for Preliminary Injunction Under Seal* using the CM/ECF system, which constitutes service upon all counsel of record.

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